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+ Secretary-General arrives in Jakarta to attend Non-Aligned Summit Conference; meets with Chairman of Supreme National Council for Cambodia, Norodom Sihanouk, and Presidents of Senegal and Zimbabwe.

+ Secretary-General's Special Representative for Yugoslavia, Cyrus Vance, says Conference on Former Yugoslavia held last week in London joined activities of United Nations and European Community into one peace-building body.

+ Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Relief Operations, Jan Eliasson, protests incident in Iraq involving bomb found under United Nations vehicle to Iraqi Permanent Representative to United Nations.

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Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who arrived yesterday in Jakarta to attend the Non-Aligned Summit Conference, met today with Norodom Sihanouk, Chairman of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia, to whom he reaffirmed his support, as well as the commitment of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), to carry out its mandate and to implement phase two of the Cambodia cease-fire despite the opposition of one of the four parties.

The Secretary-General then held a meeting with President Abdou Diouf of Senegal during which he stressed the importance of the cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations. (President Diouf is the current President of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the Organization of African Unity (OAU)). The Secretary-General, in that context, mentioned the participation of the OIC in the International Conference on Former Yugoslavia, just held in London. He also pointed to the role of the OAU, the League of Arab States and the OIC, in efforts to bring peace to Somalia, as another example of such cooperation. The Secretary-General and the President agreed that they held similar views on the question of cooperation among international and regional organizations. In this spirit of cooperation, President Diouf sought the assistance of the United Nations in solving the problem of Liberia.

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The Secretary-General also met with President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe with whom he discussed Somalia, Mozambique, Libya and the situation in southern Africa. President Mugabe thanked the United Nations for its efforts to promote a rapprochement between the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) and the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) "to achieve a new Convention for a Democratic South Africa".

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The Secretary-General's Special Representative for Yugoslavia, Cyrus Vance, told correspondents today that the International Conference on the Former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, held last week in London, had been "useful" and had resulted in a number of important actions.

At a press briefing at Headquarters, Mr. Vance welcomed in particular the decision that activities of the European Community and the United Nations would be melded together into "one single body" thus bringing together peace-keeping, peace-making and peace-building for the future. He also welcomed the presence of a broad cross-section of the international community in London and participants from the former Yugoslavia.

According to a United Nations spokesman today, the Secretary-General had described the Conference as "a demonstration of good cooperation between the United Nations and European Community". Mr. Boutros-Ghali had welcomed the fact that the Conference had started an institutional peace process which would unfold on a continuous basis at United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, under the co-chairmanship of Cyrus Vance and of Lord Owen, the representative of the European Community.

Under-Secretary-General for Peace-keeping Operations, Marrack Goulding, Commander of the United Nations Protection Force in Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR), General Satish Nambiar and Cedric Thornberry, head of Civilian Affairs, had met today with the President of Croatia and with the head of the EC monitoring mission, as well as with the Acting Special Envoy of the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees in Zagreb, the Spokesman said.

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Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Relief Operations, Jan Eliasson, has protested an incident in Iraq involving a bomb found under a United Nations vehicle. The protest was made to the Iraqi Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Abdul Amir A. Al-Anbari.

According to a United Nations spokesman, acts of harassment had continued today against United Nations personnel in Baghdad. Mr. Eliasson had informed the Secretary-General of the situation, and they were considering "what action should be taken". Meanwhile, he said, the United Nations guards and personnel in Iraq were under "maximum security".

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